

Common Inspection Items for Permanent Storm Water BMPs

The following are examples of typical assessments made during an inspection of permanent storm water BMPs. This is a general list, so not all of the items apply to all types of BMPs.

1. Ensure that the BMP is free of damage.
2. Ensure that the BMP is free of significant trash and debris accumulation.
3. Ensure that the BMP is free of excessive sediment.
4. Ensure that the BMP is free of other visual pollutants.
5. Ensure that the BMP is free of unpleasant odors.
6. Ensure that the BMP is free of standing water.
7. Ensure that the irrigation system is working correctly.
8. Ensure that the BMP is free of erosion/scouring.
9. Ensure that the BMP is properly vegetated.
10. Ensure that the BMP inlets and outlets are free of obstructions
11. Ensure that the filter media is in working condition.

For additional information about inspecting specific types of BMPs, consult the California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) handbook, at http://www.cabmphandbooks.com/Documents/Development/Section_5.pdf